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"A State of War:" What it Means Now to The United States

Declaration by Congress that a state of war exists. Quite as notable in history, though less in popustrike at the Germans.

Both house and senate resolutions are directed ing irregular in a war thus commenced." to one end-that of serving notice on Germany and all the world that America and Germany are belligerents. Coincidentally, they authorize any necessary and advisable military measures which the United States may seek to employ in national offense and defense.

Under international law and precedent set in previous wars in which the United States engaged, our declaration of an existing state of war means that war has already begun. In the present instance. Mr. Wilson and his cabinet and the Congress hold that war was begun by Germany-that the long series of submarine outrages were in essence overt acts of war, and that America is fully justified under the law of nations is now proceeding, without declaring war on Germany or waiting for Germany to declare war on us, in our active military and naval operations.

The confusion generally existing over the mean ing of "a state of war" may be cleared up by reference to some historic incidents in American foreign relations. Dr. John Bassett Moore, former counsellor for the state department and a recognized authority on the subject, refers to them in his "International Law Digest," Volume VII.

On February 2, 1802, Congress passed an act "for the protection of commerce and seamen of the Unit-

war against Tripoli." It is especially interesting now to note that Congress is again called upon to protect its seamen and clare war until afterward. ocean-borne commerce against raiders quite as bartan pirates who harried the seas more than a cen-

President Madison sent to Congress (June 1, 1812) in which he declared that Great Britain's oppressions of the United States were such that there was mately this led to the formal declaration of war.

sage to Congress by President Polk (May 11, 1846) accepted sense of beginning hostilities. to that now proceeding in Washington.

COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING.

Compulsory military training is a knotty subject npon which the present session of Congress is likely to have some spirited debates. A very wide divergence of opinion prevails among various public offitent and character of such training.

Striking a general average of these opinions, there is much weight of testimony in favor of a two or three-year training for young men of 19 years and Educators rather generally oppose taking under 19, and are quite unanimous in opposing pulsory drill in elementary or secondary schools that is, with the exception of those educators con. views are opposed. nected with the military academies where lads under 19 are taught.

The National Education Association recently re- show him the way back.

between the United States and Germany is pract far memory, is the beginning of the China Japan war tically a declaration of war. That is, no further of 1894. In this case a state of war existed for five formality need be observed, under international law, days prior to actual declaration by Japan; indeed, from the withered hig tree as the passbefore the army and the navy of the United States Japan had already struck with army and navy. Dr. Moore's digest says of this incident; "There is noth-

Even more generally interesting is the diplomatic history of the beginning of war between the United these objectors with pointed parables States and Spain in 1898.

Spain's cruelties in Cuba had stirred a surge of indignation and pity throughout America, On April 20, 1898, the president approved a joint resolution of Congress declaring that Cuba should be free and directing and authorizing the president to use the land and naval forces of the government to aid in securing that freedom for an oppressed people of the western hemisphere. That same day the Spanish minister at Washington asked for and was given his passports and next day the American minister in Madrid received a note from the Spanish govern ment stating that the joint resolution was considered an obvious declaration of war and that all diplomatic relations were consequently severed.

A day later the United States navy blockaded Cuban ports. On April 25 Congress passed an act declaring that a state of war had existed since April 21, and directing the president to use the military and naval resources of the nation to carry on the war and to call into actual service the organized militia to assist in this purpose.

Dr. Moore and other competent authorities hold that war between the United States and Spain aced States against the Tripolitan cruisers." "This tually existed from the date of severance of relawas," says Dr. Moore, "virtually a declaration of tions, and that Spain so recognized by accepting the resolution of intervention in Cuba as a declaration of war. Congress, however, did not formally de

"It is universally admitted," says Dr. Moore. barous and even more dangerous than the Tripoli- "that a formal declaration is not necessary to constitute a state of war. "But," he adds, "to admit | dent that a state of war exists is by no means to justify The war of 1812 was preceded by a message which the mode by which it was brought about or begun. And this is precisely the view President Wilson and his advisers now appear to take.

With this background of history, readers of the "on the side of Great Britain, a state of war against stirring news despatches of these quick-flying days the United States; and on the side of the United of action may have a clearer conception of the legal States, a state of peace toward Great Britain." Ulti- points involved. The sum of the situation now is that America and Germany are at war, though we Likewise, the Mexican war was prefaced by a mes- have not yet struck a military or naval blow in the

in which he declared that American blood had been Nor is any further declaration necessary. Under shed by the forces of Mexico on American soil, and the congressional resolution now being rushed that war existed by the act of Mexico. Two days through house and senate the United States gov later Congress passed an act reciting that war ex-|ernment can prosecute war without passage of an isted by the act of Mexico and made provision for act of formal declaration. Such an act may be carrying on the conflict-action strikingly similar passed, but it is not necessary as observance of international legal regularity nor of international ethics.

ported through a committee upon the proposal for compulsory training and insisted particularly on the points above outlined. The committee urges that a thorough physical training be given all girls and boys of all ages attending the schools, but opcials, military leaders and educators as to the ex- poses military drill for mere youngsters. The committee also proposes lessons in personal hygiene, sanitation and safety precautions and the stimulation to patriotic and civic service.

> Pacifists apparently have no particular hesitation about getting into violent rows when their

Stone is from Missouri and someone ought to

A MESSAGE FOR HOLY WEEK

Tuesday-The Day of Controversy.

al Entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusa- things that are God's. ity, when we have the story of the controverted. ursing of the fig tree and the cicaus

Tuesday of Holy Week is the Day of Controversy. The New Testament records in the four Clospels give us a fuil account of what Jesus said and did during this important day the came in from Bethany to Jerusalem in the morning, pointing out a lesson

Entering into the temple, the thief priests, scribes and elders immediate out the day there were numerous con-The Scripture record gives us three exact words warning parables spoken this day, the

Sunday we celebrated the Triumph- that are Caesar's; and unto God the or I over as Palm Sunday. Y star the resurrection and the greatest com-

rejecting him. Here comes His

Then we have three of Christ's pratchless parables, the parable of the Ten Virgin, the parable of the Tallater in His crucifixion. Here are the

wicked husbandman, and the marriage unto the court of the high priest who was called ('alaphas; and they took In reply to three hostile questions counsel together that they might take He gave His wise answer regarding Jesus by subtlety and kill Him. But the paying of tribute to Caesar. "Renothey said. Not during the feast, lest a

Senate members of the 1917 legislature this morning paid their respects to Queen Liliuokalani, calling upon the venerable lady at her home in Wash-

The queen received her legislative Mrs. John A. Dominis.

feather lei of yellow at her throat, the white-haired queen made a simple yet striking appearance. Enteebled by age, she sat during the reception. Dequeen's kind face betokened cheer as she smiled at the words of kindness a protest. spoken by the senators in greeting.

one side of her majesty, where Presiother senators as they came in line. Col. C. P. laukea, secretary to the queen and recently appointed secretary of the territory, presided at the reception and was in the receiving

During the hour the lady singers of the Hawaiian Band sang native songs, accompanied by the band orchestra which stood directly in front of the main lanai. After the reception proper an informal one was held at which the queen received a number of her!

Several tourists were interested of them being from the Sierra which arrived this morning from Australia.

LEGAL HOLIDAYS ARE DESIGNATED IN BILL

Representative Kelekolio introduced in the house today a bill designating days to be set aside each year as territorial holidays.

In part, the bill reads as follows: "Sec. 137. Designated. The followng days of each year are set apart and established as territorial holidays,

The first day of February, the twenty-second day of February, the day in the month of April known as Good Friday, the thirtieth day of May, the eleventh day of June, the fourth day of July, the first Monday in September known as Labor Day, the third Saturday in September, the twenty-fifth day of December, and

"All election days, both primary as well as general, in such county or city and county wherein such election is

"And any day designated by proclamation of the president of the United States as a day of Thanksgiving, fasting or religious observance, or designated by proclamation of the governor of the territory as a holiday, shall be

PERSONALITIES

Sanitarium left in the Luka last night

Statistics compiled by the agriculture department indicate that creamery butter held in cold storage March 1 was 3 per cent less than a year ago. Holdings of 15,482,975 pounds were reported by 215 storage houses

iy questioned His authority. Through ents, and the judgment scene. At the troversies. Jesus usually answered spiracy which resulted three days parable of the two sons, that of the chief priests, the elders of the people,

der therefore unto Caesar the things tumult arise among the people

posed to conscription," said A. guests in the parlor of her home, greet. Kitchler of Cincinnati, who left or ing them one by one with smiles as the Great Northern for San Francisco they were presented to her. She was this morning after a short business attended by Mrs. C. P. laukea and visit in Honolulu. "Conscription was voted down because the people wanted Gowned in black with a beautiful to repudiate the political factions.

"Premier Hughes was at first affil iated with the Labor party, but finally lined up with the Liberals, and the spite her years and recent illness, the time of the vote on conscription caused the people of Australia to register

President Chillingworth and Vice wonders in sending men to the front, President Makekau led the visiting and altogether 320,000 Australians have enlisted. The newspapers in both Sydney and Melbourne the hesitation on the part of many

"New Zealand has conscription, and after calling out the single men they are now calling on the married men with no children, and this will be followed with a call for men with one child. One-sixth of the white population in New Zealand has been called

"Australians are very friendly to personal friends and those of the Americans as a rule, but of course they fail to understand the hesitancy of the American people in meeting spectators at the reception, a number the international questions," he concluded. Mr. and Mrs. Kitchler have traveled around the world during the past four years. Kitchler is in the

DESIGNATED IN BILL SCHOOL BOND IS

S. Sasaki, who was the lowest bid der for the erection of the new Kaahumanu school at the corner of Piikio and Kinau yesterday afternoon, filed his bond. Saturday he asked for a five-day extension of time. The bond has Benny & Company, a bottle distributing company, as surety and is for \$12,980 or 50 per cent of his bid.

The question of whether he will be awarded the contract is now in the it has not met it is likely that the board as a whole will be asked to de-The board meets this evening.

At a former meeting Supervisor Hollinger raised the question as to the responsibility of Sasaki but the board voted to award him the contract if he filed his bond on time. This he did not do and it is now up to the board to either give him the contract or throw it out and give it to the next lowest bidder, or throw them all out and call for new ones.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

be some objection to Lorrin Andrews' automobile bill regarding the taxing of gasoline used by automobiles, the obection being that gasoline might purchased for other purposes, minus the tax and used in autos. Why not place the tax on rubber tires, pneu-matic and solid." There would be no

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SAN CARLOS HAS

San Carlos Milling Company stockholders held their annual meeting last Saturday morning at the office of the company's agents, Jas. F. Morgan Co., and adjourned subject to the call of to have been killed when a heavy the president, as the reports for the truck rolled over the edge of the Ridge

los company are now being prepared for printing and should be in the hands of the stockholders in the ourse of two or three weeks, when adjourned meeting will be called. Reports of excellent pull work were received by caple today witch show a production of Job cons of sugar last week. This is far in excess of any : r. v. us record.

Twenty-two Mexicans were reported last six months had been received Route Road, 22 miles north of Saugus.



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backer of it.

s been lodged in the senate by the mittee at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon third reading.

Although the senate committee has

What promises to be a compromise on the federal school survey question

proval to the project, is an amend-

reby the governor and superinten t of education will give their ap-

The Spalding Construction Company has complained to George Collins, city and county engineer, that the Honolulu Rapid Transit and Land Company nt said to be under consideration is proceeding so slowly with the relocation of its tracks on Kalakaua avenue that the work of paving is being

COMPROMISE RAPID TRANSIT IS NAVY WANTS MEN

This amendment, which will probbly be acted upon and reported to seriously delayed." morrow to the senate proper, provides As a result this morning Collins ad that the request for the survey shall dressed a letter to the Rapid Transit he from the territorial department of pointing out that the paving on the cation, that the federal officials mauka side has been delayed since who come here for it shall work in March 3 and requesting the company conjunction with the department and to proceed at once to complete the Mcthat their report shall also be made Cully street curve and provide a crossover at Lewers road or beyond in or-It is believed that Superintendent der that the old tracks may be torn H. W. Kinney will support a survey up and the installation of the paving ed on this basis, and the govern- started. He also sent copies of the correspondence to the board of superis also looked upon as a possible visors, superintendent of public works

and the public utilities commission. made no official report on its stand Governor Ferguson of Texas signed | kaua and 38 cents a foot for curbing regarding the amendment, it is be the lay passed by the legislature of on the latter. Other bidders were the state of Texas permitting the Harry Sands, 17 cents Beach Walk,

tion from the horse is still to pass in Texas.

third reading, although the motion to Kaahumanu society, through its presand a report favoring it has already ident, Lucy K. Peabody. A hearing pervisors Friday evening resolutions to the members of this organization appropriating \$400 for Beach Walk Formal protest against the survey was to be given by the education com- and \$2200 for Kalakaua avenue passed

The navy authorities here desire to operate typewriters to enlist as yeo-\$90 a month, with chance of being adplications should be made to Fred G. W. Cooper at naval station, Honolulu, on Wednesday, April 4, 8:30 to

SIDEWALK AND CURBING BIDS FOR BEACH WALK

AND KALAKAUA OPENED For the purpose of installing side walks in the Beach Walk district and kaua avenue from King to John Ena road, bids were opened this noon in the county clerk's office.

Daniel B. Cummins was the lowest bidder with 15 cents a square foot for sidewalks in Beach Walk and Kalair and will probably recommend the Pierce Oil Corporation to do business and 153-4 and 38 cents, Kalakaua; in Texas. John Duggan, 17, 17 and 40 cents, and John Walker the same as Duggan.

At the meeting of the board of su-